

KATINA APOSTOLOU

MARCH 6, 1958.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1082]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 1082), for the relief of Katina Apostolou, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 7, at the end of the bill, change the period to a colon and add the following:

Provided, That the natural parents of Katina Apostolou shall not, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to grant to the minor child to be adopted by citizens of the United States the status of a non-quota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by alien minor children of United States citizens.

The bill has been amended in accordance with established precedents to provide that the natural parents of the beneficiary shall by virtue of this legislation not be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is a 1-year-old native and citizen of Greece who is presently residing there with her parents. They have agreed to her adoption by relatives, who are United States citizens

residing in New Bedford, Mass. The prospective adoptive parents have no children of their own.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated May 9, 1957, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., May 9, 1957.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 1082) for the relief of Katina Apostolou, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the Boston, Mass., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill would confer nonquota status upon the alien child pursuant to sections 101 (a) (27) (A) and 205 of the Immigration and Nationality Act by providing that the child shall be considered the natural-born alien child of citizens of the United States.

As a quota immigrant the child would be chargeable to the quota for Greece.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE KATINA APOSTOLOU,
BENEFICIARY OF S. 1082

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Saint, the sponsors of the bill, who wish to adopt the beneficiary.

Katina Apostolou is an infant, a native, citizen, and resident of Greece, who was born in Cleou, Metylene, on May 1, 1956. She has never been in the United States. She is the youngest of three children of Zaharias Apostolou and his wife, Efstrathia. The beneficiary lives with her parents and two sisters in Cleou, Metylene, Greece. She is a second cousin to Mrs. Saint and the child's father, who has a low income, has informed the sponsors that he is willing for them to adopt this child. Neither of the sponsors has ever seen the child nor have they taken any steps toward adoption.

Mr. and Mrs. Saint are United States citizens and their home address is Rural Free Delivery 2, County Road, East Freetown, Mass. Mr. Saint was born in St. Johns, Newfoundland, on August 8, 1925, and became a United States citizen through naturalization on November 26, 1956, in the United States District Court at Boston, Mass. Mrs. Androniki Saint, nee Haggis, was born in New Bedford, Mass., on February 25, 1923. They were married in New Bedford, Mass., on July 27, 1950. They have testified that this is

their only marriage and they have no children. They own the home in which they live, valued at \$18,000, on which there is a mortgage of \$4,200. Mr. Saint is employed as a fisherman on American vessels out of New Bedford, Mass., and has an average yearly income of \$4,000. Mrs. Saint, who is presently unemployed, last worked in December 1955, doing secretarial work in a bank in New Bedford, Mass.

The sponsors have informed that it is their intent to legally adopt the beneficiary in this country as soon as possible, if the child is permitted to come to the United States. They have also stated that they have an application with the National Catholic Welfare Conference for adoption of a child from the St. Mary's Home in New Bedford, Mass.

Senator Leverett Saltonstall, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
February 8, 1957.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is in reference to S. 1082, a private bill which I introduced yesterday, February 7, for the relief of Katina Apostolou.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Saint, of East Freetown, Mass., have forwarded to me pertinent information concerning the case which I thought might be of assistance to your committee in consideration of this legislation.

As you will note from the enclosed statements, Katina Apostolou was born about May 1, 1956, in Greece. She is the second cousin of Mrs. Saint, and the parents of the child have asked that Katina be brought to the United States by the Saints in order that she may be provided with a good home and the necessities of life.

As you know, under existing laws this child would have to wait a number of years before she would be eligible to enter the United States under the quota for Greece. Inasmuch as this child is very young and inasmuch as the Saints have indicated their desire and ability to furnish her with the love and homelife a growing child needs, I know that your earnest and sympathetic consideration of S. 1082 would be deeply appreciated by all concerned.

Thank you for your courtesy.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,
United States Senator.

From: Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Saint, Rural Free Delivery 2,
County Road, East Freetown, Mass.

JANUARY 16, 1957.

Detailed information in support of proposed private bill:

1. Full name and present address of alien: Katina Apostolou, Cleou, Metylene, Greece.

2. Date and place of birth: About May 1, 1956, Cleou, Metylene, Greece.

3. Name and address of her parents and whether or not living: Zaharias and Efstratia Apostolou—both living, Cleou, Metylene, Greece.

4. Names and addresses of any relatives in the United States (relationship to her and whether any are citizens of the United States): Mrs. George Cagos, great aunt, citizen, 400 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, Mass.; Miss Isminy Cagos and Miss Anne Cagos, second cousins, citizens, 400 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, Mass.; Stephen Cagos, second cousin, citizen, 400 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, Mass.; Mr. Charles Haggis, great uncle, citizen, care of 400 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, Mass.; Miss Alice Haggis, second cousin, citizen, 34 Junior Street, New Bedford, Mass.; Mrs. David Fredette, second cousin, citizen, 36½ Columbus Street, Grove City, Ohio; and Mr. George Haggis, second cousin, citizen, care of 34 Junior Street, New Bedford, Mass.

5. When and where visa application has been filed and present status of case: No visa application has been filed because on inquiry at immigration office in Boston about possibility of child coming into this country, we were told it would be 20 years, so didn't see any point in filing.

6. Name and address and relationship of person in the United States who will be responsible for alien: Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Saint, Rural Free Delivery 2, County Road, East Freetown, Mass. Mrs. Saint is second cousin to alien child.

7. Statement giving detailed reasons for a private relief bill: Because this needy child cannot enter this country before 20 years or more under present law, we are endeavoring to bring this child in as soon as it is possible. Her parents, being in poor circumstance, asked Mrs. Saint's aunt, Mrs. George Cagos of Watertown, Mass., who was visiting in Greece, if we might take her last child, a girl, and bring it up as our own, in the trust that we could give it a decent upbringing. The sooner the child comes to the United States, the better, as is self-evident.

8. Have all possibilities under existing law been exhausted in trying to help in this case? Yes, as indicated in copies of letters sent to Senator Saltonstall from the State Department in inquiring about this case.

9. Any other information which you believe would be helpful to have in hand in connection with this case: The child was born a Greek Orthodox and we, the adoptive parents, are both Catholic. The child's parents are aware of the difference in religion and are willing that the child be brought up in the Catholic faith. Because of this difference in religion, it is advisable that the child first be adopted through the courts in Greece, thereby eliminating any legal difficulties or interference by Massachusetts courts, which frown on adoptions involving parties of different religions.

If the child cannot be brought into this country under the auspices of any relief or welfare organization in the United

States, we can arrange to send a sister of Mr. Saint who is a Northeast Airlines stewardess to get the child. She can fly for half fare, thereby saving some money.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case is of the opinion that the bill (S. 1082), as amended, should be enacted.



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